

VERSION OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING MARKINGS

In the Claims

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and

a spring having a spring constant that is ~~about~~ substantially equal to the spring constant of the bobber in water ~~or so that the total force required~~ to compress the spring with respect to the bobber main body is ~~approximately equal to the total force to submerge~~ causes complete submersion of the bobber main body and a resiliently displaceable member to ~~thereby~~ allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance.

19. (Currently Amended) The two stage fishing bobber of claim 18 wherein the force to displace said member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that ~~the when the member is in the down position the bobber main body is submerged~~ a complete displacement of the member to the down position in the body of water results in the complete submersion of the bobber main body.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and

a member resiliently and gradually displaceable in a body of water with respect to said bobber main body in response to a force on said member, said member having a displacement force equal to the buoyancy force of the bobber main body so that a complete displacement of the member results in the complete submersion of the bobber main body in the body of water ~~with the force on said member sufficient to overcome at least some if not all of the buoyant force of the bobber main body~~ to thereby allow the simultaneous and gradually submersion of the bobber main body and the gradually displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance.

23. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 wherein the spring is a compression spring.

24. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 wherein said spring is a tension spring.

25. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 including a stop cap connected to an upper end of the resiliently displaceable member to maintain the spring encircling a portion of the resiliently displaceable member.

26. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 including a fixed stop connected to a lower end of the resiliently displaceable member to prevent the resiliently displaceable member from sliding through the bobber main body.

27. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 18 including a resilient chemiluminescence capsule holder supported by said bobber main body to provide for nighttime fishing.

28. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 19 wherein the resiliently displaceable member has a hollow center allowing for a fishing line to run therethrough and a fishing line engaging member having an opening which allows an unknotted fishing line to slide through but can be blocked from sliding therethrough by a knot on the fishing line.

29. (New) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

- a bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition in a body of water;

- a resiliently displaceable member extending through the bobber main body, the resiliently displaceable member normally resting in an up position and displaceable to a fully down position with respect to the bobber main body; and

- a spring having a spring constant that is substantially equal to the total force required to completely submerge the bobber main body in the body of water wherein the

total compression of the spring with respect to the bobber main body in the body of water results in the displacement of the resiliently displaceable member to the fully down position with respect to the bobber main body and the complete submersion of the bobber main body in the body of water to allow the simultaneous complete submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member to the fully down position with respect to the bobber main.

30. (New) The two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces of claim 29 wherein the spring is supported on an upper end of the bobber main body by the resiliently displaceable member.